

Amendments to the Claims:

The text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1-25. (cancelled)

26. (currently amended) A portable electronic viewer system comprising:
a portable server extracting sizes of a character's fonts from a data file ~~containing at least either images or characters~~, creating a plurality of layered intermediate data files from the data file in accordance with the extracted ~~sizes~~sizes of the character's fonts, wherein each of said intermediate data files have characters with font sizes larger than a predetermined threshold value for each of said intermediate data files, and transmitting the intermediate data files in a hierarchical order; and
a portable viewer, displaying one of said intermediate data files transmitted from said portable server every time the one of the intermediate data files is transferred.

27. (currently amended) A method for electronically viewing a data file ~~containing at least either images or characters~~, comprising the steps of:
by a portable server, extracting sizes of the character's fonts from said data file, creating a plurality of layered intermediate data files from the data file in accordance with the extracted ~~sizes~~sizes of the character's fonts, wherein each of said intermediate data files have characters with font sizes larger than a predetermined threshold value for each of said intermediate data files, and transmitting the intermediate data files in ~~the~~a hierarchical order; and
by a portable viewer, displaying one of said intermediate data files transmitted from said portable server every time the one of the intermediate data files is transferred.